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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:
SHINICHI KIMURA ET AL.

Serial No.: **10/696,155**

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For: **DISK DRIVE, STORAGE
MEDIUM, AND PORTABLE
PRECISION DEVICE**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

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Sir:

Applicants request that the information listed on the attached (Substitute) Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Office during the pendency of the above-entitled application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (b) within three months of the filing date of the application, or before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits. No fee or certification is required.

No fee is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fee is required, please charge it to **HITACHI Global Storage Technologies Deposit Account Number 50-2587**.

Respectfully submitted,


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